

Remarks

Claims 1-15 and 17-55 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-15 and 17-55 are currently rejected.

1.) *Rejection of Claims 1-15 and 17-55 for Obviousness:*

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-15 and 17-55 under 35 U.S.C. §103 for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. 5,239,165 (Novak) in view of what is known to one of ordinary skill in the art. The Examiner has asserted that Novak teaches a gaming device interface.

In response, Independent Claims 1, 15, 25, 50 and 51 have been amended. Specifically, Independent Claims 1, 15 and 25 have been amended to replace the term “electronic device operative for gaming purposes” with the term “slot machine”. Independent Claim 50 has been amended to replace the term “electronic gaming device” with the term “slot machine” and Independent Claim 51 has been amended to replace the term “electronic gambling game” with the term “slot machine”. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the Specifications including paragraph 0021.

Novak Does Not Teach Responding to a Slot Machine Event:

Although the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner’s position, the independent Claims have been amended to specifically claim a slot machine to more clearly differentiate over Novak.

Novak teaches “a lottery ticket issuing and redemption system which can easily be integrated into and/or interfaced with a POS bar code scanner system of the type widely used in supermarkets” (Novak, Col. 2, Lines 36-39). Novak does not teach, suggest or otherwise disclose generating a lottery entry in response to slot machine events.

In contrast, the amended independent claims recite generating a lottery entry in response to slot machine events such as slot machine inputs and outputs. Consequently, the present rejections fail for at least these reasons.

Additionally, all remaining claims depend either directly or indirectly from the currently amended independent claims and therefore overcome the rejections for at least the same reasons.

2.) Conclusion:

In view of the preceding remarks and amendments, the rejections have been overcome. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of all outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims. Please apply any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account #: 50-4293, Reference #: A9658-81022.

Respectfully Submitted,

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